(*c*) the names of the courts where each was practising before recruitment?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Vellala graduates in law practising in the various courts of the State with the number of years of standing each has?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) Statements* containing the required information are laid on the table.

Legislation re Cow-killing.

25. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is an increasing scarcity of milk and milk products in the country;

(*b*) whether the prices of milk and milk products have gone up out of all proportion and are steadily increasing day by day;

(*c*) the number of milch cattle in the country on the last day of Karkatakam 1099, 1100 and 1101;

(*d*) the number of plough cattle in the country on the last day of Karkatakam 1099, 1100 and 1101;

(*e*) the average quantity of milk that a cow yields per day;

(*f*) the number of cattle slaughtered in the various municipalities of the State during each of the years 1099, 1100 and 1101;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that many Native States, including Baroda and Kashmir and the Hindu States in Rajputana and Central India, His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad and His Majesty the Amir of Kabul have forbidden the slaughter of cows by legislation;

(*h*) whether they propose passing any legislation to prohibit cow-slaughter; and

(*i*) the steps, if any, taken by the Government to improve the quantity of milk produced in the State and thus bring down the price?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) Prices have increased to some extent. The Government are unable to accept the statement that prices are increasing day by day.

(*c*) and (*d*) A cattle census is not taken annually and hence the information is not available.

(*e*) The yield of milk depends upon the breed, the feeding and the care taken of the cow.

(*f*) The figures for the three years respectively are:

Sheep and goats 24,201; 28,977; 29,927. Bulls and cows 11,675; 11,821; 10,512.

(*g*) The Government have no information.

(*h*) The Government have no such intention at present.

(*i*) The Government are maintaining two Cattle Breeding Farms where good breeds of cows are being reared and the calves sold to the public for breeding purposes. They are also encouraging the use of good stud bulls by the award of grants to persons who maintain such bulls for the use of the public.

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* *Vide* Appendices IV A and IV B—pages 61 and 62.

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